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DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
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CLEANLINESS OF DRINKING WATER
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provides financial and technical assistance to States including Karnataka for Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance, including testing and cleanliness of drinking water;

(b) if so, the details of funds made available and utilized during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(c) the number of Water Quality Testing Laboratories (WQTLs) set up/upgraded at different levels during the said period, State/UT-wise;

(d) whether any mechanism exists for monitoring the utilization of funds released under the schemes including National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP); and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION (SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a)&(b) Rural Drinking Water is a State Subject. The Government of India assists the State Governments, including Karnataka, technically and financially through the Centrally sponsored National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP). Under NRDWP, 3% of the funds allocated to the States are earmarked for water quality monitoring and surveillance which inter-alia include setting up of laboratories at various levels, provision of field test kits / re-fills including bacteriological vials to the Gram Panchayats, sanitary survey of drinking water sources etc. The details of funds provided and expenditure incurred during the last 3 financial years and the current financial year State-wise is given at Annexure-I.

(c) The number of water quality testing laboratories set up / upgraded at different levels during the last 3 financial years and the current financial year State-wise is given at Annexure-II.

(d)&(e) A robust Integrated Management Information System [IMIS) has been devised and is in operation for monitoring the physical and financial progress of various activities under the NRDWP. This can be accessed by anyone without any password at www.indiawater. gov.in or www.mdws.gov.in.